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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 2, 2009

Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. FILNER, and Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PARTICIPATION REQUIRED IN DEPARTMENT**
2 **OF LABOR TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PRO-**
3 **GRAM FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
4 **FORCES BEING DISCHARGED, RELEASED, OR**
5 **RETIRED.**

6 (a) INCLUSION IN PRESEPARATION COUNSELING.—
7 Section 1142(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
8 ed by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following
9 new paragraph:

10 “(2) The Secretary concerned shall require members
11 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary who are undergoing
12 preseparation counseling to participate in the employment
13 assistance, job training assistance, and other transitional
14 services provided to members and their spouses pursuant
15 section 1144 of this title.”.

16 (b) MODIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE
17 PROGRAM.—Section 1144 of such title is amended—

18 (1) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
19 following new subsection:

20 “(c) PARTICIPATION REQUIRED.—(1) The Secretary
21 of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
22 require members of the armed forces eligible for
23 preseparation counseling under section 1142(a) of this
24 title to participate in the program carried out under this
25 section.

1 “(2) At a minimum, the member shall be required
2 to participate in the following elements of the program:

3 “(A) Instruction in resume preparation.

4 “(B) Employment search techniques.

5 “(C) Translation of military and other skill sets
6 to civilian employment requirements.

7 “(D) Employment interview techniques.”; and

8 (2) in subsection (d)—

9 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
10 through (6) as subparagraphs (A) through (F),
11 respectively; and

12 (B) by striking “In carrying out the pro-
13 gram established under this section,” and in-
14 serting the following:

15 “(1) The Secretaries shall assign a counselor or case-
16 worker to each member participating in the program es-
17 tablished under this section to evaluate the individual
18 needs of the member and to ensure that the program is
19 tailored to meet those needs.

20 “(2) In carrying out the program,”.

21 **SEC. 2. PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION REQUIRED FOR SEP-**
22 **ARATING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

23 Section 1145(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
24 amended—

25 (1) in paragraph (4)(A)—

1 (A) by inserting “and a psychological eval-
2 uation” after “a physical examination”; and

3 (B) by inserting “and psychological evalua-
4 tion” after “The physical examination”; and

5 (2) in paragraph (5)(A)—

6 (A) by striking “medical examination” and
7 inserting “physical examination or psychological
8 evaluation”; and

9 (B) by inserting “or evaluation” after “the
10 examination”.

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